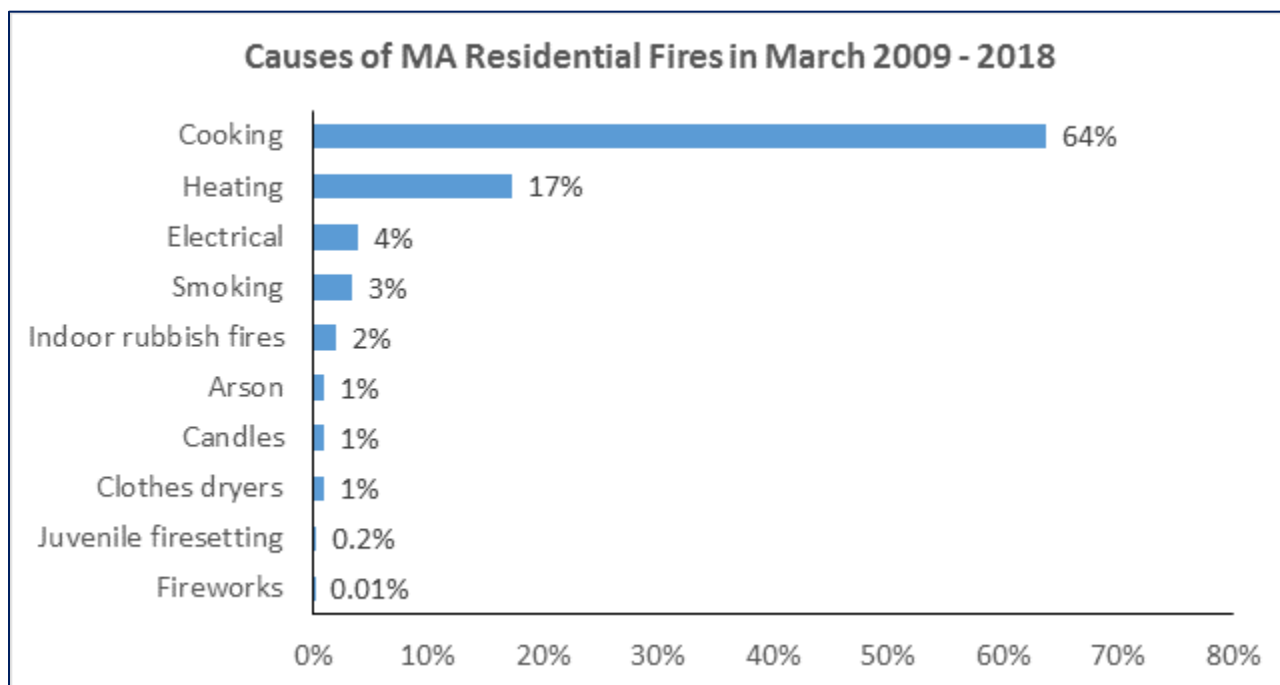


What's the Fire Risk in March?

Fire Data Based on MFIRS Reporting, March 2009 – 2018

- 9% of all fires throughout the year
- Average of 33 civilian injuries
 - 10% of annual civilian injuries
- Average of 43 fire service injuries
- Average of 6 civilian deaths
 - 12% of annual civilian fire deaths
- Average of \$24.2 million in dollars lost



Educational Opportunities

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time begins on **Sunday, March 8, 2020**. Remind people that when we turn the clocks ahead, check smoke and CO alarms to see if they are working, need replacing or need new batteries. Smoke alarms save lives.

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK.
CHECK YOUR ALARMS.**

- Replace alarms every 10 years
- Test alarms monthly
- Change regular batteries twice a year

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Smoke and CO Alarms

Every home is required to have working smoke alarms and most are also required to have carbon monoxide alarms. Visit the DFS [smoke and carbon monoxide alarm tool kit webpage](#) to find out information about developing a campaign. Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are essential fire safety tools to have in your home. They are the best way to prevent fire fatalities.



Poison Prevention Week

March 15-21, 2020 is National Poison Prevention Week. National Poison Prevention Week raises awareness of poison prevention nationwide during the third full week of March every year. It is an opportunity to highlight the dangers of poisonings for people of all ages and promote community involvement in poison prevention. Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of poison deaths. Use this information to support your poison prevention week campaign.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

- Carbon monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in the U.S.
- The highest percentage of carbon monoxide calls occur between November and February – during heating season.

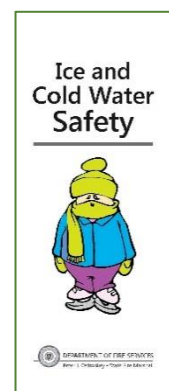
3 Main Carbon Monoxide Messages

- CO is a silent killer. Test CO alarms monthly.
- CO is an invisible killer. Install co alarms on every level of homes.
- Prevent CO poisoning. Keep vents, flues and chimneys clear.



Ice Safety

Daily changes in temperatures cause ice to expand and contract, which affects its strength. March is a good month to remind people that the only safe ice is at a skating arena. Fire departments have been responding to calls about pets and children who have fallen through the ice. Visit the [Ice and Cold Water Safety](#) page for more information. We have a flyer in English and Spanish.



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